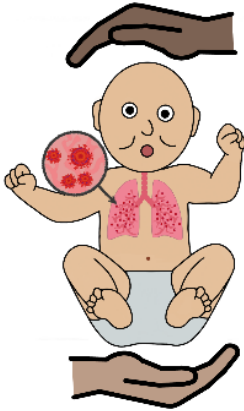




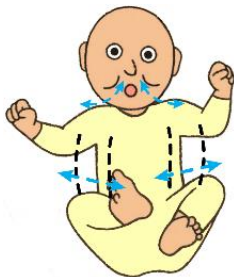
## Whooping Cough Vaccine



The **Whooping Cough Vaccine** is also called the Pertussis vaccine.

This vaccine helps to **protect you and your baby** from Whooping Cough.

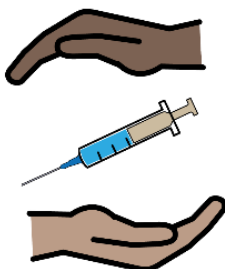
Whooping Cough is an **infection of the lungs**. It can make **babies** very **poorly** and they may need stay in hospital.



**Symptoms of Whooping Cough** include:

- **Coughing episodes** that last for a **few minutes**. Coughing may be **worse at night**.
- **Coughing** up a thick **mucus**
- The **cough** may last for **weeks**
- Finding it **hard to breathe**
- Making a **whoop sound** **between coughs** this sounds like a **gasping for breath**
- **Scan the QR code** to hear the **whoop sound**

### protection

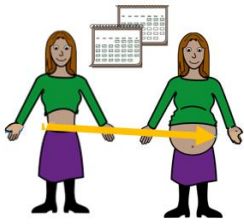


The Whooping Cough vaccine also **protects** against

**Diphtheria** (an infection of the nose and throat)  
and

**Tetanus** (a life-threatening infection)

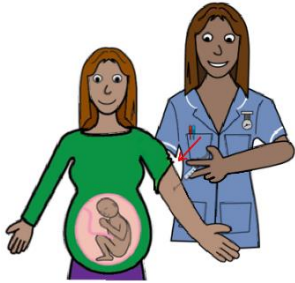
**16 to 32 weeks**



The whooping cough vaccine can be **given from 16 weeks pregnant**.

The vaccine gives the **best protection** for your baby if it is given to you **before** you are **32 weeks** pregnant.

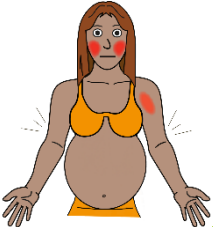
The vaccine can be given until your baby is born



The whooping cough vaccine is given as an **injection** into your **arm**.

It is **recommended** every **pregnant** woman should have the whooping cough vaccine in **every pregnancy**.

**possible side effects**



**Side effects** from the vaccine are usually **not serious**.

Sometimes you can get a **lump** or **pain** where the injection was given, a **high temperature**, **headache**, feeling **tired** or **not feeling hungry**.

Not everyone gets side effects.

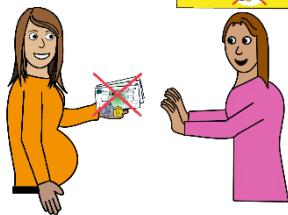
**safe**



The Whooping Cough **vaccine** is **safe**.

It **protects** your baby from **birth until** your baby can have their own vaccine at **8 weeks old**.

**free of charge**



The vaccine is **free**.

**phone your GP**



**It is important to be protected** from serious disease.

**Ask your GP or Midwife** about the vaccine and to book an appointment.